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PHILIPPINES ELECTIONS

1. Election results unlikely bring any significant change in Philippine political situation.
 - A. Magsaysay's supporters, apparently winning at least 6 and possibly 7 of 9 senate candidacies, did well.
 - B. But Recto will be back and, even though the latest count (0730) shows him in fifth place, will no doubt claim his re-election proves wide public approval his policies.
 - C. Actually, personalities far more important than policies in Philippine politics and votes for the veteran enfant terrible to proof of popularity his policies. Coming months likely see a number of characteristic switches in party loyalty with Magsaysay's position at least as strong as before elections.

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